



Virginia Green Lodging is the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) initiative to promote pollution prevention (P2) practices in the tourism and hospitality industry. *Green Lodging* encourages hotels, resorts, and other hospitality operations to be aware of their impact on the environment and to take steps to reduce these impacts. *Green Lodging* is a non-regulatory program, and participation is completely voluntary and free of charge.

Virginia Green Lodging Profile:

Inn at Riverbend Bed and Breakfast

Pearisburg, Virginia

Inn at Riverbend is situated on over 13 acres just minutes from Virginia Tech and Radford University. The Inn was designed, constructed, and opened in the spring of 2003. Three guest rooms are located on the entry level and four guest rooms are located on the terrace level. Inn at Riverbend welcomes small weddings, retreats, and family gatherings. Inn at Riverbend is committed to environmental excellence and works to minimize environmental impacts whenever possible.

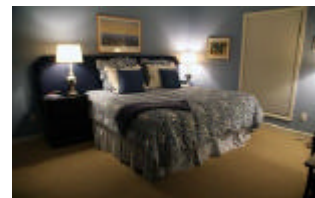
Green Lodging Activities. When visiting Inn at Riverbend, you can expect the following practices:

- 🌱 **Optional linen service** in rooms
- 🌱 **Recycling** opportunities for guests
- 🌱 **Water Conservation**
- 🌱 **Energy conservation**
- 🌱 **Green events/conference package**



- Training house cleaners on process of optional linen service
- Purchasing water efficient washers and dryers
- Using of non-phosphorous, non-toxic, and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimizing the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Using of linen service providers that employ “wet” versus “dry” cleaning
- Recycling glass, aluminum cans, steel cans, plastic, office paper, newspaper, cardboard, and fluorescent lamps.
- Tracking overall waste bills
- Filling reusable shampoo bottles and instructing housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Using dishware and glassware to minimize use of disposables
- Using non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Providing condiments, cream and sugar in bulk
- Refilling water pitchers to minimize single use bottles

- Implementing effective food inventory system to minimize waste
- Purchasing locally grown produce and other foods
- Purchasing recycled-content paper-towels
- Encouraging suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
- Using two-sided copying and printing
- Using electronic correspondence and forms
- Purchasing recycled content paper/toilet tissue
- Using “green” cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
- Purchasing durable equipment and furniture
- Using latex paint
- Recycling/disposing of thinners and solvents properly
- Using preventative maintenance on appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing and vehicles
- Effective inventory system and labeling of last-in/first-out
- Using least toxic materials and minimizing use of pesticides and herbicides
- Tracking overall water usage and wastewater
- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- Using water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- High efficiency dishwashers
- Using dry clean up methods over water-based methods, micro fiber mops
- Low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
- Effective landscape management plan
- Using cisterns and drip-line irrigation
- Effective storm water management plan
- Minimizing impervious areas
- Vegetative buffers around streams and ponds
- Tracking overall energy bills and set a numeric goal to reduce
- Using high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in rooms and spotlights
- Installing LED Exit signs
- Using high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps
- High Efficiency Heating & Air Conditioning and using ceiling fans
- Using natural lighting whenever possible
- Purchasing EnergyStar computers and appliances
- Thermal-rated windows and insulation
- Using directional lighting in parking lots and walkways



For more information on **Inn at Riverbend**, see www.innatriverbend.com.

For more information on **Virginia Green Lodging** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging.



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